

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

CEQA #10999

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TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
303 Big Tree Park Road
Felton, CA 95018

PROJECT TITLE: Enchanted Loop Trail – Reroute and Decommission

LOCATION: Wilder Ranch State Park

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Reroute a segment of a multi-use trail within Wilder Ranch State Park to increase user safety by improving public access and creating a more enjoyable visitor experience. Work will:

- Construct approximately 3822 linear feet x 4 foot wide trail;
- Utilize 376 feet of abandoned farm road;
- Construct 12 feet puncheon with approaches;
- Construct three (3) rock retainer walls;
- Construct two (2) rock armored crossings;
- Remove one (1) failing 28 foot Bay tree;
- Decommission approximately 2785 lineal feet of eroded trail;
- Plant native vegetation at recontoured locations in random fashion and cover all disturbed areas with native grasses, organics and woody debris.

All phases of construction will follow sustainable design practices and adhere to State Park Trail Guidelines.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California State Parks

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Santa Cruz District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 2, 3 & 4 Section: 15302, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity of the structure being replaced; construction and location of new, small structures and; minor alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees included as "trail construction or realignment" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR Sec. 15300.4

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